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## Annual Trail Caucus Approaches on January 23rd

The Fifth Annual Cross County Trail Caucus will be held on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens in the public meeting room. The program is presented in cooperation with Fairfax Trails and Streams as well as other local trail enthusiasts.

The Cross County Trail, a 38-mile multi-use trail which runs through stream valleys and forms a spine from the Potomac River in the north to the Occoquan River in the south, was officially dedicated on December 17, 2005. "It was wonderful to reach that point, and already we are working hard to continue to expand the trail," said Fairfax County Park Authority Trail Coordinator Jenny Pate. Work is underway to complete another two-miles of trail in the Lorton area which will bring the new tally to 40 miles of continuous trail.

The Trail Caucus gives volunteers and trail users an opportunity to review progress, discuss volunteer construction efforts, review user needs and this year to help plan Trailfest, a countywide celebration along the Cross County Trail scheduled for May 6, 2006. Participants will view a newly created video which tells the story of the trail's creation and will also find out the recipient of the Cross County Trail Award.

Green Spring Gardens can be reached from the Beltway by taking Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike east) Travel 3.5 miles. Turn left on Braddock Road. Drive two tenths of a mile and turn right onto Witch Hazel Road. For more information please contact Ms. Pate at 703-324-8726 or the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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